

Board of Cemetery Commissioners
Town of Eastham

Minutes of meeting January 8, 2020

Present:

Roger Thurston, Chairman
Bob Carlson, Member
Sylvia Sullivan Clerk (Pro-Temp)

The minutes of the November 13, 2019 meeting were read, approved and accepted.

Old Business:

- The Chairman was informed by Bob that trees for the Cove cemetery were obtained and were to be planted. Roger spoke with people involved and was told that trees will probably be planted in the spring. Final word of when trees will be planted has not been determined.

-Some discussion regarding Barry Clifford's visit and his argument that some of the pirate bodies may have been buried near Cove.

- The Town Clerk, Cindy Nickerson, informed Roger that a Town Report, regarding the Cemetery Commission, would have to be submitted.

New Business:

-Discussion ensued about the passing of Terri Rae Smith. It was noted by each member of the many contributions Terri made to the cemetery commission and she will be sorely missed.

-The Chairman has been approached by two people interested in becoming a part of the Cemetery Commission. It was recommended that they seek an application and attend some meetings.

- Discussion regarding where town records are kept, and how initially records were set up. Bob and Roger said town records have been put on a disc and both Bob and Roger have copies. This lead to Roger and Bob's desire to look into the history of a supposed burial at Cove in 1608.

- Discussion of the beginning of the Commission in the 1980's
Bob will report back on origins of the Commission.

-The Chair appointed Sylvia Sullivan Clerk Pro-Temp.

-Chair and Clerk will attend meeting of other Cemetery personnel in Wellfleet.

-Discussion about funding of Cemeteries, DPW is Eastham source right now. Bob questioned whose budget does DPW pull from when something has to be done? Bob and Roger recalled when Commission was formed there was a budget to repair broken headstones..

- Someone put a flag in front of the Smith Gravestone.
Roger removed it since the flag was in very poor condition.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 12th.